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RE: U.S. PATENT APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 09/961,147  
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<b>REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL</b>		Attorney Docket No.	1573.1007	
		Application Number	09/961,147	
		Filing Date	September 24, 2001	
		First Named Inventor	Takushi FUJITA, et al.	
		Group Art Unit	2174	
AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$104.00	Examiner Name	Anh T. Nguyen	

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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	- 3 =	1	X \$ 86.00 =	86.00
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In re the Application of:

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Serial No. 09/961,147

Group Art Unit: 2174

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on August 19, 2004. This Amendment is timely filed via certificate of facsimile on August 19, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.